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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a real privilege to be coming your way another time. Many thanks to each of you who have made it possible for us to bring you this weekly broadcast. I am certainly indebted to the Lord and to you. I believe that in times like these we need encouragement one from another. I know that I need encouragement and I believe that many others do too. So I am glad to have a little part in encouraging you to hold fast to God's promises in these days of trouble and perplexity.

Listen to this verse, "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small." Prov. 24:10 Now think for just a moment. You know what it is to faint, don't you? Sometimes folks who are ever so strong and husky have occasion to faint. I may not be able to explain all that happens, but it seems that certain things affect different people. Sometimes when one stands in the warm sunshine too long they just faint and fall over. I remember when Kathleen and I made a trip to Quito, Ecuador in South America a couple of years ago. Down there the altitude is very high. In many places it is 9,000 feet or more. Shortly after we arrived there that day in June of 1969 we went to the grocery store with a friend. We walked through the narrow aisles looking at the groceries. Our friend, Pat Muse, pointed out some banana chips, among other things, of course. Well, Kathleen already was beginning to feel the effects of the altitude and the temperature. After that she lingered further and further behind us and felt a real sickening and fainting sensation. She realized at once that she needed to be

outside the building and in the fresh air. So she headed for the door. I attempted to assist her. But we found ourselves trying to leave the building from a door which was made for entrance only. Shortly others within the store realized that we were in trouble and began to point the way for us to leave the building. This we did rather hastily. Fortunately for us, Kathleen did not completely collapse, but she rested in the car after leaving the building and before long was feeling all right. Pat made the remark later that she had looked at Kathleen and thought she had "lost her". I suppose she could tell by the color of her face that she was about ready to faint. Now, remember this, it matters not how strong a person maybe, if he faints he is unable to cope with the problem before him. This is true either physically or spiritually. Sometimes strong men just faint and fall over like dead. They may be ever so husky but their strength does them little good if they faint.

Dear ones, don't you know the devil is

